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BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Public Health Department.

Annual Report for the Year
1955.

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BRIDLINGTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Additional Sanitary Inspector:

Mr. G. Anderson.
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"Woodrow",
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BRIDLINGTON.

Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1955 on the health of the Rural District.

1. HOSPITALS & SANATORIUM PROVISIONS:- The chronic sick continue to be cared for at the St. Hilda's Hospital, Whitby and at the General Wards of The Avenue Hospital, Bridlington, The Bampton Lane Hospital, Bridlington and St. Mary's Hospital, Scarborough.

Bacteriological Examination of samples of water and milk and other more recondite investigations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory in Hull under the direction of Doctor Greening. Valuable information is available therefrom to assist in the work of the Public Health Department in the field of environmental hygiene and sanitation.

Laboratory work of non-public health interest is undertaken by the Pathologist at the following Hospitals - Westwood Hospital, Beverley and Scarborough Hospital.

2. GENERAL STATISTICS:- The following is a table of general statistics for the year under review:-

Area of District	66,903 acres
Population of Area (Estimated from the Registrar-General's figures)	9,420
Separate Houses and other Dwellings as at 31st December, 1955	3,565
Rateable Value	£43,115
Product of Penny Rate at 31st March, 1954	£157.14s.11d

3. VITAL STATISTICS:- The vital statistics for the year 1955 were as follows:-

Children aged 5 - 14	2,375	Total Population	9,420
Live Births Legitimate) Males	57	Females 54	Total ... 111
Illegitimate) Males	3	Females 1	Total ... 4
	60	55	115

Using comparability factors of 1.13 for Births and 0.88 for Deaths -

The Birth-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population is	13.76
Rate per thousand (Total live and still births)	14.27
Deaths..... Males 42 Females 38 Total ..	80
Death-rate per thousand of estimated Resident Population	7.68
Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Deaths from other Puerperal causes	Nil
Deaths of Infants under one year:-	

Legitimate) Males	0	Females 2	Total 2
Illegitimate) Males	0	Females 0	Total 0
	0	2	2

Infantile death-rate per thousand live births (Legitimate)	17.39
Infantile death-rate for England and Wales per thousand live births (Legitimate)	24.9
Lowest ever recorded	Nil
Deaths from Measles (All Ages)	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All Ages)	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under two years)	Nil
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 births	Nil

4. INFECTIOUS DISEASES:- The case rate of certain infectious diseases per thousand population is shown in the following table, case rates for Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia are given per thousand total births:

Disease	Bridlington Rural District
Food Poisoning.....	0.106
Measles.....	4.13
Pneumonia.....	0.106
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia per 1000 Live & Still Births.	0.00
Scarlet Fever.....	0.00
Whooping Cough.....	0.106

The following table shows the diseases notified during the year:

Diseases	Total Notified	Admitted to Sanatorium	Deaths
Fooding Poisoning.....	1	-	-
Measles.....	39	2	-
Pneumonia.....	1	-	-
Scarlet Fever.....	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.....	1	-	-

5. TUBERCULOSIS:- No. of cases on the Register at 31st December, 1955:

Pulmonary.....	Males 29	Females 10	Total 39
Non-Pulmonary.....	Males 17	Females 13	Total 30

New cases notified during the year:

Pulmonary.....	Males 1	Females 3	Total 4
Non-Pulmonary.....	Males 0	Females 0	Total 0

6. VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA - 1955

(a) Number of persons vaccinated or re-vaccinated during 1955

AGE AT DATE OF VACCINATION	Under 1	1 year	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number vaccinated	42	2	-	1	2	47
Number re-vaccinated	-	-	-	4	7	11

(b) Number of children at 31st December, 1955 who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e. at any time since 1st January, 1951)

Age at 31.12.55 i.e. born in year	Under 1 1955	1 1954	2 1953	3 1952	4 1951	5 - 9 1946-1950	10-14 1941-1945	Total under 5
Number immunised (Whether primary or booster):-								
1951 - 1955	2	64	93	75	69	174	30	507
1941 - 1950	-	-	-	-	-	327	438	765
Totals	2	64	93	75	69	501	468	1272

- (a) Number of children immunised during the year ended 31st December, 1955 (Figures also included in (b) on previous page)

Under 5	5 - 14	Total	Boosters
81	4	85	33

7. BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION:- This is the entire responsibility of the East Riding County Council insofar as infectious diseases are concerned.

8. WATER SUPPLY:- The Water Authority is the Bridlington Corporation who are responsible for maintenance in keeping with existing legislation. There have been no complaints of shortage of water in the area, and a wholesome supply has been maintained.

A number of properties are still supplied with water by standpipe.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>From Standtaps</u>	
	<u>No. of Standtaps</u>	<u>No. of Properties Served</u>
Barnston	2	8
Bempton	4	9
Boynton	2	3
Burton Fleming	5	15
Carnaby	4	8
Flamborough	1	1
Fraisthorpe	1	1
Grindale	1	6
Hunmanby	4	12
Lissett	2	5
Muston	4	7
Ooton	1	3
Reighton	2	3
Ridston	4	8
Skipsea	7	15
Thwing	3	4
Ulrome	2	4
Wold Newton	3	10

9. MILK SUPPLY:- The District has now become a designated area and no unpasteurised milk may be marketed except T.T.milk. The milk production on the farms remain the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

10. SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE:- The following villages have a sewage disposal system:-

Hunmanby, Bempton and Buckton, Reighton, Flamborough Village, North Landing and Flamborough Head.

In addition to the Sewage Disposal Works enumerated, the following Sewage Works have been constructed for the treatment of sewage from Council House Estates:-

Burton Fleming - Ridston, Muston, Flixton and Speeton.

In addition Hunmanby and Flamborough have a weekly collection of nightsoil. Progress is being made at Hunmanby, Flamborough and Bempton in the conversion to water carriage system.

Sewage Disposal:- There is a constant tendency for Sewage Disposal Works to become overloaded. This is due to the ever increasing use of baths, more than the increase of population.

As the District has no lack of water even during a drought, such as occurred this year, there can be no grounds for a propaganda on the lines of "Is Your Bath Really Necessary".

Prompt maintenance has so far kept the Works running with fair efficiency.

There remain 60 earth-closets in the Parishes of Hunmanby and Flamborough. In 1954 there were 90. An all out effort is to be made to get these earth-closets connected to water carriage.

Septic Tanks Serving Council Houses: There are 32 Septic Tanks which are periodically emptied by means of a Cesspool Emptyer, according to capacity and use.

11. FOOD:- There has been one case of food poisoning notified during the year.

12. MEAT INSPECTION:- During the year, meat inspection was carried out by your Sanitary Inspectors. The quality of the meat is high, and the Slaughterhouses are maintained in a good hygienic condition.

13. COLLECTION OF HOUSE REFUSE:- There is a periodic collection of refuse in Parishes, involving 26 villages and hamlets. Hunmanby and Flamborough have a fortnightly collection. The collection has been increased from 13 last year to 20 this year, but efforts are still being made to give a regular collection throughout the year.

The Council purchased a new 12 cubic yard Refuse Collection Vehicle in November, 1955. This was done to increase the efficiency of the service.

14. SLUM CLEARANCE:- A Housing Survey was carried out in accordance with the Government's Slum Clearance Programme. It is hoped that our recommendations will be approved by the Minister of Housing and Local Government.

I am, Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Wadsworth and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. L. M. C. [Signature]

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1956.

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To the Chairman & Members
of the Bridlington Rural District Council.

Madam Chairman, Councillor Mrs Wadsworth & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on work carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors during the year ended 31st December, 1955.

General: The total number of inspections carried out during the year for all purposes was 2,500

1. Food & Meat Inspection:

Five private slaughterhouses were licenced to slaughter animals for human consumption, two being in Hunmanby and one in each of the following three parishes, Burton Fleming, Rudston & Skipsea. During the year all animals slaughtered in these establishments were subjected to a post-mortem inspection and effective steps were taken to ensure hygienic practice.

Supervision of meat distribution entailed inspection of vehicles used for retail and wholesale distribution of meat throughout the district.

Requests made by retailers for inspection and subsequent condemnation of foodstuffs resulted in the surrender and disposal of a quantity of timed goods as unfit for human consumption.

N.B. See Appendix 'A' for Meat & Other Foods inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption.

There are now fifty-three premises registered for the sale and storage of ice cream, on inspection of these premises satisfactory conditions were found with regard to storage and distribution.

Vehicles from which ice cream was sold were inspected in the parishes, and conditions on all vehicles inspected were found to be good, all relevant legislation being complied with.

2. Shops Acts:

Periodic visits were made to the Shops in the district.

3. Factories & Workshops:

There are fifty factories on the Register. Infringements of the Acts and Regulations were dealt with in conjunction with the Factory Inspector.

4. Refuse Collection:

The fortnightly collection of household refuse was maintained throughout the year in the parishes of Hunmanby and Flamborough together with the R.A.F. Camp Beapton.

Throughout the remainder of the district nineteen collections were made over a period of twelve months, every effort being made to speed up the service.

The new Karrier Gamecock Refuse Collection Vehicle with 12 cubic yard body capacity and seven man cab went into operation in November, 1955, this vehicle replaces the Bedford vehicle with 7 cubic yard body capacity.

Nine refuse tips were used during the year, being sealed as effectively as possible with materials readily available on the tips. Rodent Control was exercised on all tips.

Weekly Nightsoil collection was maintained throughout the year in Flamborough and Hunmanby.

5. Sewerage and sewage Disposal:

Sewage works are in operation in the parishes of Hunmanby, Flamborough, Burton Fleming, Bampton, Reighton, Speeton, Muston and Rudston, all works receive regular attention to ensure effective working and a satisfactory effluent.

Additional works were in progress during 1955 to extend the Hunmanby Sewage Works to cope with increased flow. Provision of Storm Water Overflows, Storm Water Tanks and Sludge Beds are the main features of this work.

Work was carried out as necessary to maintain the flow of sewage ~~in~~ in sewers and sewer dykes. Obstructions and other difficulties were dealt with promptly.

The Cesspool Emptying Machine continued to cleanse septic tanks serving Council Houses Sewage Works Settlement tanks and private work on request. All private work undertaken was on a repayment basis; forty-one requests were dealt with during 1955.

The Cesspool Emptying Machine is also responsible for maintaining a weekly collection of Nightsoil from the parishes of Hunmanby and Flamborough. Sixty households take advantage of this service. Efforts are being made to persuade owners of these properties to convert to water closets and connect to the Council's sewerage system.

6. Rodent Control:

Treatments were carried out as a result of complaint and inspection. Refuse tips, sewage works and sewers were given periodic treatment.

7. Public Health Act:

Complaints and nuisances were dealt with, notices being served where necessary.

8. Housing Acts:

A survey was carried out under the Housing Rents and Repairs Act, 1954 with a view to a Slum Clearance Programme being drawn up.

Calls were made for Health Department Staff to visit houses in connection with Housing Repairs. all notices served being informal.

9. Camps, Tents, Vans & Sheds:

Visits made from time to time show that generally the standard in the nineteen camps licenced under Section 269. Public Health Act, 1936 is good.

10. Milk Production:

Production on farms is supervised by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Milk (Special Designations) (Specified Area) Order, 1955, came into force during the year with the result that all milk retailed in the district has to be pasteurised or otherwise heat treated. The exception being in the case of Tuberculin Tested Milk.

11. SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS:

Housing Acts	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	193
Public Health	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	196
Food Premises	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	79
Meat & Slaughterhouse Inspection	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	317
Factories & Workshops	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	44
Rodent Control	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	70
Public Cleansing	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	448
Council House Maintenance	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	356
Camps, Tents, Vans etc.,	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	46
Sewage Works & Drainage Inspections	638
Water Supplies	73
Milk Legislation	40
Totals	2500

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In conclusion I wish to thank each member of the Council for the support and consideration I have been shown during the year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

A. RIDOUT.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

November, 1956.

APPENDIX 'A'Meat Inspected and certified unfit for human consumption.

<u>Date of Inspection</u>	<u>Description of Meat</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Reason for Condemnation</u>
24th January, 1955	3 Legs of Mutton	28 lbs	Extensive Bruising caused by fractures.
25th January, 1955	Pigs Head	10 lbs	Tuberculosis.
25th January, 1955	2 Pigs Heads	28 lbs	Tuberculosis.
2nd February, 1955	Pigs Head	25 lbs	Tuberculosis.
10th February, 1955	Beast Liver	15 lbs	Multiple Abscesses.
21st February, 1955	Beast Hind Quarters	-	Extensive Bruising.
23rd February, 1955	Pig-Carcase, Heart, Liver, Lung.	24 lbs	Tuberculosis and Emaciated Carcase.
28th February, 1955	Leg of Mutton	7 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs	Extensive Bruising caused by fractures.
3rd March, 1956	Carcase of Mutton	42 lbs	Generalised Oedema.
11th March, 1956	Carcase of Mutton	46 lbs	Generalised Oedema.
16th March, 1956	Carcase of Mutton	66 lbs	Extensive Bruising.
29th April, 1956	Pork-Carcase, Heart, Liver, Lungs.	110 lbs	Generalised Tuberculosis.
9th August, 1956	Carcase Ewe Mutton	118 lbs	Tropical Carcase.
19th October, 1956	Carcase Ewe Mutton (lamb)	46 lbs	Generalised Oedema.

Tin goods inspected and found to be unfit for human consumption:

22nd March, 1956	4lbs Tinned Peaches	Advanced state of decomposition.
2nd August, 1956	2 Tins Corned Beef	Advanced state of decomposition.
29th August, 1956	One 6lb Tin Ox Tongue	'Blown Can'.
3rd October, 1956	Two 6lb Tin Ox Tongue	One Tin punctured, One tin Blown.

